The Local Noodle

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From Rose Garden to Vegetable Patch: Introducing the Newest Knolltern, Joe Biden

President Joe Biden guffaws with joy as he holds his first weeks's pay.

The Knoll announced today that current President Joe Biden will be part of the next class of Knoll interns. After getting lost for fifteen minutes in the Dalai Lama labyrinth, the Commander in Chief expressed his excitement at the prospect of "getting down real close and whispering" to every plant he could find.

Biden is planning on commuting to the Knoll from DC via the Ethan Allen Express until the end of his term. After that, like so many old white men before him, he plans on buying a second home in Middlebury and pretending to farm.

When asked where he got the inspiration for this new path to peas, Biden responded, "Well, somehow Bernie has been eighty-five for the last sixty years and no one has noticed, so I'm hoping the Vermont soil can help me out a little." According to Noodle sources, Mr. Biden plans to forgo traditional payment as he cannot figure out how to use the Oracle payment software. Instead, he'll be paid in maple creemees and radishes.

Biden, like many Middlebury students, is hoping that his internship will give him the experiences and connections to help him secure a job in investment banking. The Knoll's current full-time staff is incredibly excited to have the President on board, with long-time employee Bo Tato saying "We're sure he'll fit right into our culture of taking a really long time to not really do anything."

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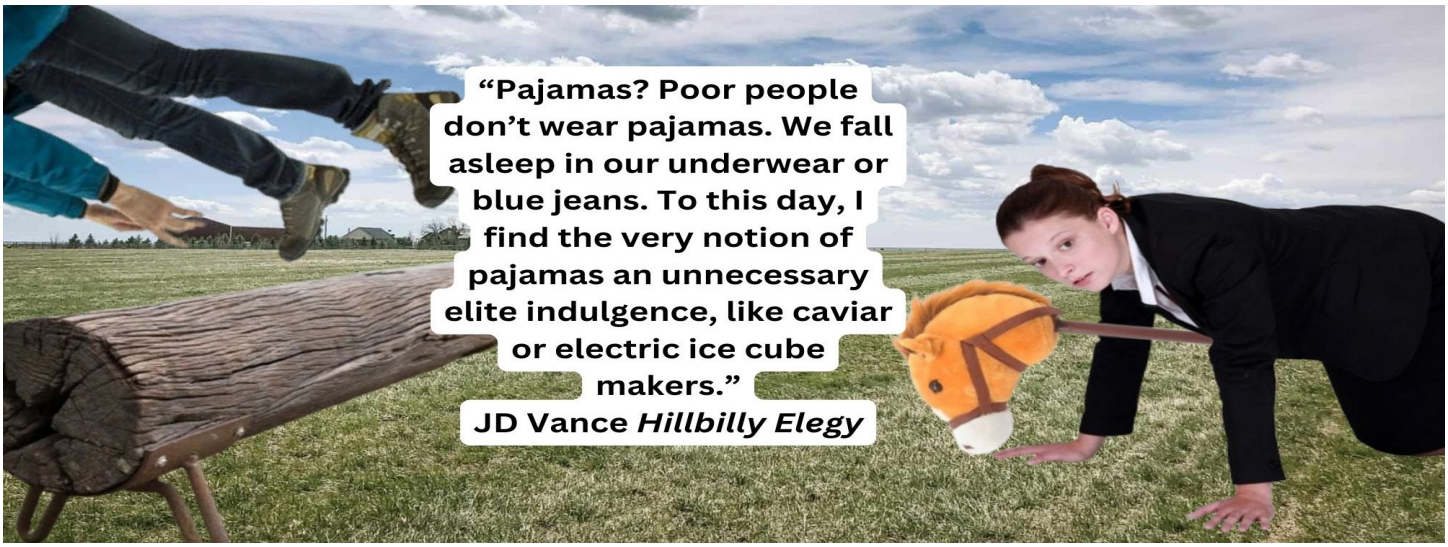
Instructors:	Per Formatiev '21.5
Course Modality:	Hybrid
Term:	Winter 2025
Requirements Fulfilled:	AMR PE WTF LOL SJW IDK WOKE

Democracy Reborn: A January 6th Resurrection Log-in to save

In this course, students will travel to Washington D.C. for a collaborative reclamation of American democracy. Practicing principles of nonviolence and artistic resistance, we will conduct an accessible and action-based march on the US Capitol Building. There, students will participate in a culturally ambiguous dance led by white activists and a restorative offering of banned books to Capitol police officers. We will then meet various senators as they try to hide from our justice-centered breathing exercises in their offices. While in D.C., the class will also explore the intersectionality of the Jan. 6th attack by actively listening to rioters of color (ROC) talk about their experiences in predominantly white spaces. Lastly, we will spend the rest of the winter term on a project titled "Storm the Capitol," which explores the effects of human-exasperated climate change on the D.C. metropolitan area. This course is part of Middlebury's Conflict Transformation series.

Middlebury's newest J-term class will intersectionally and intentfully storm the capital.

Trump Thanks MiddEquestrian for Patriotic Sacrifice


"Pajamas? Poor people don't wear pajamas. We fall asleep in our underwear or blue jeans. To this day, I find the very notion of pajamas an unnecessary elite indulgence, like caviar or electric ice cube makers."
JD Vance *Hillbilly Elegy*

This morning, Donald Trump thanked the Middlebury College Equestrian Team for sacrificing their love of horseback riding for the greater good of The United States. Late Monday night, the Trump campaign received a spontaneous donation of $25,000, three horses, and a case of ivermectin, edging him closer to victory.

A spokesperson for President Trump said there has been a "super-herd" of girls with transition lens glasses, long braids, and a love for this country out of Middlebury College for decades. "The Neigh-Sayers lobbyist group has been championing our handmaid's tale vision for this country for years – even in the most libtarded, abortion-having, gender-changing, family-hating, free-bleeding, nipple-showing, cat-eating, gun-hating state in the union, Vermont."

The Noodle sent out an investigator to confirm if Middlebury Equestrian is truly responsible for this generous donation under the Neigh-Sayers alias. "Let's just say we're giving a majestic, bronzy-orange steed a second opportunity at life," remarked team treasurer, Traddy Wife '26, in an official statement confirming the team's sudden loss of funds.

In other news, The Middlebury Hobby Horse team (formerly Middlebury Equestrian) has officially declared bankruptcy after losing its entire $25,000 budget. They have asked The Noodle to plug their new journey with hobby horses on Instagram, featuring all Android-filmed edits. "What we lack in actual horses, we make up for in imagination and AI filters," says team captain, Phyllis Schlafly '24.5.

The edits consist of the girls pretending to trot and canter while sliding up and down their long horse sticks to inspirational quotes from JD Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*, Taylor Swift's latest album, and Pentatonix covers of Christian music.

Noodle Refuses to Endorse Presidential Candidate

We, the editorial board of the Local Noodle, know that Middlebury has been aquiver waiting for our presidential endorsement. However, standing in solidarity with our spineless peers at the *Washington Post* and the *LA Times*, we at the Noodle will not be endorsing a candidate for the 2024 United States Presidential Election.

This may come as a surprise to some readers, given our storied history of political reporting. The Noodle was one of the first publications to report on the January 6th riots, after all – what a happy accident that so many of our reporters were onsite that day. We have also taken strong political stances in the past, such as when we endorsed Walter Mondale in the 1984 presidential election. Mondale went on to win a whopping 13 electoral votes, and we like to think that at least 12 of those were because of us.

The truth is, we value journalistic integrity over everything else – except money. We like money. We want money, and we want to keep making money. To endorse a candidate would alienate 50% of our readership nationwide and 2% of our readership Middlebury-wide. We cannot afford these numbers – not when we want a full-scale medieval castle with turrets and a moat.

Still, we know this will disappoint many of our readers, if the amount of people following us around with "Noodle for Who?" signs is anything to go off of. But we hardly know who's running at this point, and we only just found out that Kamala Harris is both mixed-race and a woman. We didn't know that was possible for a presidential candidate, and now we're really confused, so, sorry, Pennsylvania – we're gonna sit this one out.

In other words, Daddy Bezos said no. And we listen to Daddy Bezos because he's gonna build us that castle.

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Op-Ed: I Ring the Bells and I Predict the Elections Right

By RING "BELL MAN" RINGER

Many of you know me as the person who fuels your hangover every Sunday with my incessant clanging. But actually, I've been using the language of the bells to communicate our nation's most pressing news straight to the ears of Middlebury students. Here are some examples:

June 17, 1972, ding dong ding doooooong bing: *Five men have just broken into the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington, D.C.*

November 2, 2009, dong dong dong dong dong: *Tiger Woods is cheating on his wife!!*

November 6, 2016, diiiiing dong: *Donald Trump is going to be the 45th President of the United States*

October 7, 2018, birring bong bong biiiiing bing: *The Court of Master Sommeliers have a cheater amongst them*

November 5, 2020, dong dong diiiing ding dong: *Joe Biden is going to be the 46th president of the US… but keep an eye on the Capitol*

May 7, 2024, doooong ding diiing: *MCAB is embezzling funds to buy Aritzia Super Puffs*

November 2 2024, ding dong diiiiing doooooong bong: *Trump is going to win the 2024 election*

That's right, I'm calling the election. I am the bell ringer, and I am a prophet. I am the one who tells Allan Lichtman what call to make, and those ones he has gotten wrong since 1984, well, those are the ones I advised him against.

Point is, I am a gift to be cherished, and I am going to move to Bowdoin if you all don't start appreciating me.

Laurie Patton Works Grille Shift

President Patton contemplating the religious significance of a burning Grille kitchen.

Inspired by former President Donald Trump's recent philanthropic endeavors working tirelessly in a bummy McDonald's in rural Pennsylvania, President Laurie Patton bravely stepped up to the Grille counter. It is unclear why she did this, considering how Patton is abandoning ship soon and no longer needs anyone to like her. The Local Noodle spoke to LP to understand the motives behind this blue-collar adventure.

"I love the Grille. Absolutely beautiful," Patton began, elbows deep in a tub of fry lard. "People say that more Dr. Feelgoods were sold than ever before. Reports say we had 29,000 people at the Grille. Absolutely tremendous."

Crawling out of her mansion into the sweaty, greasy, stinky pits of McCullough before the fast-casual spot's opening, Patton made sure to get to work, rolling Love Me Tender wraps under the flashing lights of a tasteful photo-op.

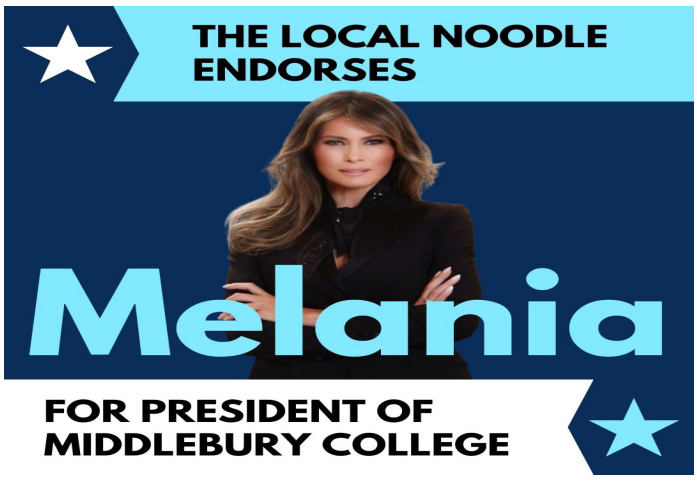
"It's an absolutely brilliant move from Patton," says Politica Anal-Ysist '27, who is currently taking Intro to American Politics and is an overall unlikable person. "She was missing relatability. And when she gave me french fries, I really liked that."

When pressed further by Noodle Staff after her fifteen-minute shift, Patton seemed a bit put off.

"I am very proud of what we accomplished today," She began, clutching her purse while passing through the McCullough halls. "But I am also very afraid. As soon as the clock struck 7pm, thousands of uninspired gluttonous students shuffled in salivating, some were even shaking. I watched in horror as they guzzled down triple-fried foods with no remorse. We can't go on like this. These body-positive legislations are ruining our reputation as the hottest campus in the world. But I am here to Make Middlebury Skinny Again."

In other, possibly unrelated events, an outbreak of hybrid virus 'EEE-coli' has breached the Middlebury community, traceable back to The Grille kitchen.

Following recent attempts on President Trump's life, the NRA has been exploring foamier options.



This is the only political stance we will take.